

Smith (WA)	Tonko	Webster
Southerland	Tsongas	Welch
Speier	Turner (NY)	West
Stearns	Turner (OH)	Westmoreland
Stivers	Upton	Whitfield
Stutzman	Van Hollen	Wilson (FL)
Sullivan	Velázquez	Wilson (SC)
Sutton	Visclosky	Wittman
Terry	Walberg	Wolf
Thompson (CA)	Walden	Womack
Thompson (MS)	Walsh (IL)	Woodall
Thompson (PA)	Walz (MN)	Woolsey
Thornberry	Wasserman	Yarmuth
Tiberi	Schultz	Yoder
Tierney	Waters	Young (AK)
Tipton	Waxman	Young (IN)

NAYS—4

Amash	Kucinich
Gohmert	Paul

NOT VOTING—31

Austria	Gosar	Rigell
Barber	Gutierrez	Rivera
Bartlett	Hochul	Ross (AR)
Bono Mack	Holden	Roybal-Allard
Brown (FL)	Johnson (IL)	Sanchez, Loretta
Campbell	Lipinski	Stark
Dicks	Mack	Towns
Dingell	Manzullo	Watt
Filner	Marino	Young (FL)
Frelinghuysen	Murphy (CT)	
Gallagher	Pence	

□ 1903

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 610, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

□ 1910

CHAIRMAN HALL

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before you today to recognize Chairman HALL and his work as the oldest serving Member of Congress.

Over the last 2 years, I've had the honor of serving with Chairman HALL on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. Chairman HALL has been an inspiration and a mentor to me in those 2 years. He has been a crucial force in keeping NASA on track and for pushing for a strong American space program. We've had the opportunity to work on space bills, such as the recent indemnification extension and the NASA artifacts bill that passed unanimously back in September.

Another reason I admire Chairman HALL is that he never forgets those back home whom he represents. He doesn't want anyone else to forget either. He's a Texan through and through. Chairman HALL always tells me that he is willing to forgive people who aren't from Texas. Fortunately, he has been especially good to me, and that's probably because I married a Texan myself.

Finally, Chairman, I know at your age you don't like the word "final";

but in closing, I just want to say the no-nonsense way you've led the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, the way you've put good policy and people above politics—all without compromising your principles—is the kind of leadership we need. That's the kind of leader you are, and that's the kind of leader we should all strive to be.

So, today, I thank you for your many years of service, for your model of leadership, and for being so kind to all of those Members who aren't from Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WEBSTER). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

OUR FRIEND, RALPH HALL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today is a good day. We get to honor a great and magnificent American—my friend, our friend, RALPH HALL.

In the moments and minutes and hour to come, there will be many who will rise to recognize the extraordinary public service, but I want to add, in addition to the extraordinary public service, a man who has seen numbers of Presidents. As an American who has worked, spoken and achieved under all of them, RALPH HALL today reigns as both the oldest Member of Congress and the oldest House Member known to cast a vote on the House floor.

But that is not his only definition, for he is one who has a heart and who recognizes the value of service to the American people.

Oh, he loves his great State of Texas. He is truly a tall Texan. He is a faithful public servant who has dedicated 32 years of service to representing the constituents of the Fourth Congressional District; but he started his life by the service to the United States in the United States military—in the United States Navy. Yes, 1942.

So he has seen this Nation in her ups and her downs, but RALPH HALL has never been down. What a great leader of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. What an opportunity to serve with him. What a servant as he worked with Presidents like Lyndon Baines Johnson, making difficult and tough decisions—not a partisan but a lover of America.

Yes, I can stand here today and say not only is this great hero and American and Member of the United States Congress—young in age but old in numbers—wise, dedicated, but I can also say that he is a lover of his family: his late wife, his grandchildren, his children. I was able to join him at a time when he had to visit a grandchild. I was glad to be able to have RALPH in our city, not for the cause that he was, but to be able to say, RALPH, you're a friend, and we stand with you during this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero and also to a friend and a great leader on this floor, someone from whom I wish years and years and years of service. As a fellow Texan, I join my Texans and others to say, Thank you, RALPH HALL, for the friendship, the leadership, the courage—and, yes, you are an American hero.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings, including applause, is in violation of the rules of the House.

RALPH HALL

(Mr. FLEISCHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend RALPH HALL.

I came to this great House as a result of the election in 2010 and was privileged to be assigned to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. The chairman was RALPH HALL. Chairman HALL showed me kindness. I went to his office. He showed me the corsairs that he flew in World War II. He told me stories about playing baseball with Ted Williams in the Navy in World War II.

Truly, this is a great man.

He has shown both sides of the aisle fairness and compassion in his service as chairman, and he has mentored me. More importantly, when I asked him to come to my beloved city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, he came and visited our great national lab there.

I honor Chairman HALL today, and I thank him for his great service to this House as chairman and as my friend.

A TALL TEXAN AMERICAN HERO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to submit extraneous materials for the RECORD on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of tonight's Special Order is to celebrate our friend and colleague RALPH HALL's distinguished service in Congress. If there were a congressional hall of fame, tonight would be Representative HALL's induction as the